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1. FOLLOWING ARE DATES OF BAHRAINI OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1976.

THE DATES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WILL VARY IN 1977 AS THEY ARE DETERMINED BY LUNAR CALENDAR: 3 JANUARY, MUSLIM NEW YEAR;

11, 12 JANUARY, ASHURA; 13 MARCH, PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY; 25-26-27

SEPTEMBER, 'ID-AL-FITR; 2-3-4-DECEMBER, 'ID-AL-ADHA.

16 DECEMBER IS BAHRAIN NATIONAL DAY; 1 JANUARY, NEW YEAR'S DAY, IS ALSO CELEBRATED.

2. FOLLOWING ARE DATES CELEBRATED BY LEFTIST ELEMENTS IN BAHRAIN:

1 MAY, VARIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS MAY DAY, LABOR DAY AND THE DAY OF WORKING CLASS VICTORIES; 25 FEBRUARY, THE FOUNDING DAY OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT-BAHRAIN; 7 DECEMBER, DESIGNATED BY THE WORLD PEACE MOVEMENT AS "WORLD SOLIDARITY DAY WITH THE BAHRAINI PEOPLE". 7 DECEMBER IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTIONS FOR THE BAHRAIN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN 1973. ONE FINAL DATE WHICH COULD SERVE AS A RALLYING DATE FOR LEFTIST GROUPS IS 23 AUGUST, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUSPENSION OF THE BAHRAIN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN 1975.

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